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**THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

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**National Intelligence Council**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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SUBJECT: Monthly Warning Meeting - February 1982

1. Southern Lebanon. An Israeli attack on Southern Lebanon remains likely, and its probability accumulates over time. Prime Minister Begin is clearly concerned about United States reaction to such an attack, and also wishes to ensure unified Israeli public opinion prior to undertaking it. It is the consensus of all agencies represented that a direct terrorist attack with Israeli casualties would suffice to trigger the invasion. Syria would probably not engage the Israelis massively as a result of the attack. [REDACTED]

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2. Syria. The situation in Hama does not seem to portend a general breakdown of law and order in Syria. The city is isolated, and the recent uprising has largely been brought under control by the security forces at present. There were apparently desertions by some military personnel during the Hama uprising, but not of integral units. [REDACTED]

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4. Iran-Iraq War. Recent activity in this war has entailed small Iraqi attacks (and perhaps a major battle with as yet unknown results) in the Bustan area which succeeded in retaking some territory [REDACTED]

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5. Sub-Sahara. Both Polisario and Morocco are planning to intensify operations in the Saharan war. Polisario is seeking further Libyan support, and Morocco is drawing up plans [REDACTED]

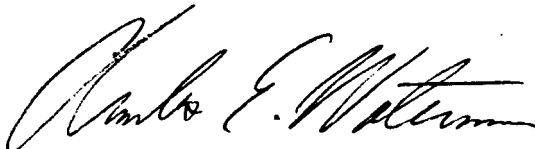
[REDACTED] Conspicuous United States involvement with Morocco's military effort is causing gradual deterioration in our relations with Algeria. [REDACTED]

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6. Libya and the United States Sixth Fleet. A number of reports have indicated that Libya will attack any United States fleet units operating south of the 32'30" latitude line in the Bay of Sidra. It is the consensus of all agencies represented that these reports are credible, and that Qadhafi will regard his action as defensive in nature when executed. [REDACTED]

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